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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DE MEUTER et al.

Application No.: 09/586,964

Filed: June 5, 2000

Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: L. Wong

For: SUGAR-FREE HARD COATING PREPARED FROM LIQUID
MIXTURES OF ERYTHRITOL AND SORBITOL

April 26, 2002

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter this paper in response to the Office Action of December 26, 2001. The Applicants are disappointed with the PTO's failure to respond to their February 19, 2002 Request to Reject Response Date, despite oral assurances of March 7, 2002 that it was being considered. It should be clear: No delays by Applicant.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, please enter the following remarks and amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) Sugar-free hard-coated comestibles consisting of a hard coating and an edible, chewable and/or pharmaceutical core characterised in that at least one layer of the hard coating is obtained from a liquid mixture of sorbitol and erythritol wherein the dry substance of the mixture is comprising between 1% to 50% w/w erythritol.

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